



International Commission on Land Use Change and Ecosystems

Recommended Text for REDD+ at UNFCCC COP15

Subgroup on paragraph 1(b) (iii) of the Bali Action Plan

The following recommendations have been taken from the Forest Policy Proposals of the GLOBE International Commission on Land Use Change and Ecosystems. These proposals were endorsed by 100 legislators from 16 countries at the GLOBE Copenhagen Legislators Forum on 24th-25th October 2009.

1. Objectives and Scope of REDD+¹

Developing countries should be rewarded for mitigation action in the forestry sector. The financial mechanism should give greater reward for early and dramatic reductions in emissions and should then incentivise countries to reach a point of zero net emissions from forestry. A Stabilisation Fund should provide ongoing payment for the ecosystem service of carbon sequestration to countries that maintain zero net emissions from forestry.

2. Drivers of Deforestation²

All countries shall support REDD+ actions by undertaking policies and measures that identify and address the diverse social and economic drivers of deforestation and forest degradation to relieve the pressures on forests and land that result in greenhouse gas emissions.

3. Legal Sourcing of Timber and Forest Products²

All countries that consume [i.e. drive demand for] forest products should implement policies and measures to support the laws and legal frameworks of other sovereign states, to further prevent the conversion or degradation of natural forests and support effective community-based management of forests.

4. Finance for REDD+ Activities

The implementation of REDD+ activities shall be financially supported through a combined market and fund approach to deal with the varying circumstances in developing countries and to mobilize all sources of finance, including the private sector.

5. Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Institution

The COP shall facilitate the establishment of an independent and international monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) institution to coordinate the crediting of forest carbon mechanism, oversee the collection and sharing of data and authorise third-party verifiers to carry out on-the-ground audits. The development of this institution should involve both public and private sectors, along with civil society.

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¹ Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, maintaining existing carbon stocks and enhancing removals or increasing forest cover through afforestation and reforestation.

² As proposed by the Environmental Investigation Agency International